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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-23 and 25-29 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-23 and 25-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b). Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the Office Action states that the invention is directed to non-statutory subjected matter.

Applicants have responded by amending claim 26 and the specification.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

Claims 1, 3-6, 9-15 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent Number 6,608,891 issued to Pelletier on August 19, 2003.

Applicant has avoided this ground of rejection for the following reasons.

First, applicant's claim 1, as amended, now recites,

"one or more application server components which cooperate with the service control component through employment of a Session Initiation Protocol to establish one or more data streams between the service control component and the one or more application server components to provide the one or more services."

Pelletier does not teach this limitation. This is because Pelletier discloses the SS7 protocol, as stated in column 5, lines 43-50, and the ISDN PRA protocol as stated in column 6, lines 45-48. However, contrary to applicants' claim 1, Pelletier does not disclose a Session Initiation Protocol used to establish data streams between a service control component and one or more application servers. Thus, Pelletier is missing the "one or more application server components which cooperate with the service control component through employment of a Session Initiation Protocol to establish one or more data streams between the service control component and the one or more application server components to provide the one or more services" elements, as recited in applicants' claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, claim 1 is believed to be allowable over Pelletier. Since claims 3-8 and 10-22 depend from allowable claim 1, these claims are also allowable over Pelletier.

Independent claims 23 and 26 each have a limitation similar to that of independent claim 1, which was shown is not taught by Pelletier. For example, claim 23 recites "establishing communications between one or more service control components and one or more application server components through a Session Initiation Protocol to establish one or more data streams based on the information", and claim 26 recites "means in the one or more media for providing, by one or more service control components communicating with one or more application server components, one or more services to one or more telephony devices on a call through employment of a Session Initiation Protocol to establish one or more data streams between the one or more service control components and the one or more application server components". Pelletier does not teach these limitations for the above-mentioned reasons. Therefore, claims 23 and 26 are likewise allowable over Pelletier. Since claim 25 depends from claim 23, this dependent claim is also allowable over Pelletier.

Second, Pelletier does not teach the limitations of applicants' claim 21. This is because Pelletier does not specifically disclose "the service control component and the one or more of the one or more switch components employ one or more Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) queries to associate the identifier with the call", as recited in claim 21. If the Examiner insists that this limitation is "inherent" in AIN, then applicants request a reference document that cites this limitation as an AIN attribute.

Claim Amendments

Claims 3-5, 7-8, 10-14, 18, 22 and 25 were amended to add the term "and". No new matter has been added.

New Claims

Claims 27-29 have been added. Claims 27-29 provide additional limitations directed to the one or more application server components and the service control component. No new matter has been added.

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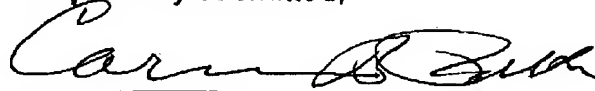
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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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